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PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting of the Editors.

The Pencil Pushers were royally entertained by the hospitable people of Cape Girardeau.

The Southeast Missouri Press Association gathered in our city on Friday, 15th inst., to hold their annual business meeting, and were met by the members of the Board of Trade and conducted to the court house where they were greeted by our people in that hearty manner that tends to make one feel that life is worth living.

At this reception the following newspaper men were present:

R. F. Chew, Madison County Democrat; E. A. M. Webb and D. Longear, Caruthersville Democrat; Webb Watkins, Dexter Messenger; Ernest Larey, Scott County Democrat; J. F. Martin, Charleston Enterprise; J. L. Lewis, St. Francis Herald; John S. Hill, Marble Hill Press; A. J. Throver, Stoddard County Democrat; Dr. J. N. Holmes, Piedmont Banner; E. P. Caruthers, Dunklin Democrat; Phil A. Hafner, Scott County Newsboy; Scott Wilkinson, Jackson Comet; W. E. Crow, DeSoto Facts; T. P. Pigg, Farmington News; D. L. Hoffman, Cape Review; Joseph Flynn, Southeast Gazette; Ben H. Adams, Cape Democrat.

The meeting was called to order by President L. J. Albert, of the Board of Trade, and the Normal Sextette rendered two of their popular songs, causing the hall to resound with laughter.

Maj. J. B. Dennis was then introduced and in his usual happy style, delivered the address of welcome, extending to the visitors the hospitality of the city, which was responded to on behalf of the Press by Dr. J. N. Holmes, of the Piedmont Banner. The Doctor is a practical man and gave his audience a good talk.

Judge Ross was called for and gave the editors his thirty days' experience in the editorial chair, touching also on the responsible duties of an editor and the mighty influence for good or evil that is wielded by the Press.

Rev. R. F. Chew, of the Madison County Democrat, was the next speaker, who delivered an eloquent eulogy on Horace Greely and the power of the Press. Such sentiments coming from a native of the sunny south shows that we are one people, inspired by one purpose, the upholding of our common country. Mr. Chew gave his brethren of the Press, as well as those who are not members of the fraternity some solid chunks of truth to "chew" and digest at their leisure.

Rev. S. A. McElroy was next called and responded in a twenty minute talk in which he extolled the newspaper as a civilizer, an educator and christianizer of mankind.

The meeting then adjourned to Krueger's Cafe, in the Masonic building, where a banquet was spread fit for well—for a Southeast Missouri editor, and good cheer, good spirits and pleasant conversation prevailed until "the clock in the steeple struck twelve."

Saturday morning the Association met again in the F. F. F. Club rooms and elected officers as follows: J. F. Martin, of the Charleston Enterprise, President; John S. Hill, of the Marble Hill Press, Vice-President; W. E. Crow, of the DeSoto Facts, Secretary and Treasurer. The meeting then adjourned and the members of the Association in a body visited the Southeast Normal school and other places of interest.

In the afternoon an excursion was had on the steamer New Idlewild to Commerce and the Association held a business meeting on the boat. A committee on resolutions was appointed and reported as follows:

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, respectfully submit the following:

Whereas, We the members of the Southeast Missouri Press Association feel deeply impressed with a sense of the very courteous and generous treatment we have received on this occasion of the meeting of our Association in the beautiful and prosperous city of Cape Girardeau, therefore be it Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the citizens of Cape Girardeau in general and to the Board of Trade, to the F. F. F. Gun Club, to the professional and business men and to the local press of said city in particular, for the numerous and rare courtesies which they have extended to us during our stay among them.

Resolved, That we also tender our sincere thanks to the officials of the

different railroads for transportation favors shown us, to the Faculty of the Southeast State Normal School for the pleasant reception in that grand educational institution, to Mr. E. A. Kimmel, traveling agent of the St. Louis, Cape Girardeau & Fort Smith Railroad for his diligent attention to our bodily comfort on the road which he represents, to Mr. Louis Houck for his kind invitation to partake of the hospitalities of his mansion, to the officers of the steamer New Idlewild, for the pleasure of an excursion on the Father of Waters, and to Prof. John F. Schuchert and his excellent band, for the delightful music with which they enlivened our trip. Be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the records of our Association and published in the newspapers conducted by our members.

Respectfully submitted,

WEB WATKINS,

DELBERT LONGREAR,

E. R. LAREY.

Committee on Resolutions.

The report was unanimously adopted and the meeting then adjourned and the members proceeded to have a good time among themselves and with our citizens who accompanied them on the excursion. A splendid supper was served on the boat and it was enjoyed by the pencil pushers, a number of whom had never before been on board a steamboat.

A Smart Texas Hen.

J. C. Wheaton, of Texas, has some very fine breeds of chickens which he raises for market. While most of his poultry is all of the darker breeds, he recently imported a fine pair of white Brahmas, which in due course presented him with sixteen chicks. Last week these little fellows were just good flying size, and were ready prey for hawks, their white feathers gleaming in the sun and making them visible from afar. In fact, in spite of Wheaton's efforts, the hawks made away with six of the young Brahmas.

One morning, however, after the remaining ten had been duly accounted for the night before, Wheaton was surprised, on going to the poultry yard, to see not one single white chicken. The Brahma cock and hen were there all right enough, but instead of their own snowy little ones ten bedraggled, cast-off looking black chicks peeped at their heels. For a long time Wheaton could not imagine what was the matter, but, by and by, he concluded that the little Brahmas had gotten in the soot box by accident, and that they were still on hand, though somewhat discolored.

That night, however, he discovered that what he had attributed to error had been done deliberately and with wise intent. Before the old Brahma would let her little ones tuck in for the night she made them dip and sputter in the big chicken trough by the well. This done, she led the way to an old stove pipe under the woodshed, and made every last chick of them pass through the pipe, wiping off the soot as he went. Of course, it stuck to their wet feathers, and the little fellows came out perfect black-a-moors. The old hen circumvented the hawks, however. Her little brood runs about as gay as you please now, and not a one has disappeared since she hit upon so ingenious a plan for their protection. —Philadelphia Times.

Agricultural Notes.

The good farmer sees many a harrowing sight.

A farmer may be toothless and yet have many an acre.

It makes a farmer have a wry face to see his grain crop short.

A farmer's face may be smooth, although his fields are furrowed.

To a farmer corn in the field is worth much more than corn on the toe.

The farmer's crop differs from a chicken's and is generally more valuable.

Many a farmer is small potatoes himself, although he raises very large ones for the market.

Sometimes a farmer looks as seedy as his farm in the spring.

A good farmer likes to turnip the soil, even if he gets beat in doing so.

The farmer should always sleep in a bed, but never in the celery bed.

Some farmers are very slow, although they may have any quantity of hoofs.

When heifer a farmer starts to raising stock he shouldn't let anything cow him in an attempt to bull the market. —Florida Times-Union.

Croup and Whooping Cough.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup will promptly relieve Croup and Whooping Cough. It will cure the worst Cough or Cold. It never disappoints. Try it. Sold by Wilson Drug store.

MURDER SUSPECTED.

Peculiar Story About a Missourian Who is Missing.

PUEBLO, Mo., May 18.—William Stanley of Stoddard county, an honest, industrious farmer, suddenly disappeared about June 1, 1894. His neighbors were told that he was at first one place and another, and time passed on but he never appeared and no definite news of him was received. Now they are making an effort to find him or get some news of him, believing him to have been murdered.

It seems that Stanley and his wife had separated a short time before, she going to live with one Mr. Powers in Wayne county, and he taking in a renter by the name of William Anderson. He owned a forty acre farm and some personal property. Anderson who still lives on his farm and is using his property, claims the last time he saw Stanley was on the bridge at the mouth of the Mingo, saying he had left him there about dark crying.

There was no charge against Stanley, and no motive, as the people can see, for his mysterious disappearance. His wife died a short time after his disappearance and on her deathbed told that she could tell the whereabouts of him if he felt so disposed. There is a mystery about the affair, and what will be developed the future must reveal.

Memorial Day—Just Post No. 173, Grand Army of the Republic.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, May 8, 1896.—The Legislature of Missouri have by law created the 30th day of May a legal holiday. It is to be hoped that our people regardless of party will unite to make Memorial Day a holiday in fact; and to that end the following programme has been adopted by this Post.

PROGRAMME.

1st. The band will meet at the court house at 12:30 and play some national airs.

2nd. The Post and all veterans will assemble at the court house at 1 o'clock p. m. Each Comrade to bring a wreath or bouquet. All are invited.

PROCESSION.

Lines will be formed in the following order and move at 2 o'clock promptly.

1st. The band in open order.

2nd. Just Post No. 173.

3rd. Veterans and visiting Comrades.

4th. Capt. L. F. Bierwirth Post No. 402.

5th. Schools, First—Normal, Second—Public Schools, Third—other schools.

6th. Citizens on foot, city officials in carriages, horsemen.

Comrades Galusha and Walter assisted by the ladies will receive donations of flowers at the court house from 6 a. m. to 12 m. All flowers intended for the Lorimer Cemetery should be delivered at the court house by 9 o'clock in the morning.

AT THE OLD CEMETERY

1st. Reveille, by the Bugler.

2nd. Solemn Hymn, by the band.

3rd. Decorating the graves with flag and flowers.

4th. Memorial services.

5th. Taps to the memory of the dead.

6th. Firing Salute, by the artillery.

7th. Hymn, "America."

Let this be a grand pouring out of patriotism, gushing freely from every loyal heart.

By order of the Post.

AUG. BIERWIRTH, P. C.

H. A. ASTHOLTZ, P. P. C.

G. W. TRAVIS, P. P. C.

JOHN WALTER, P. P. C.

J. N. HARTZELL, P. P. C.

JOHN KASSEL, P. P. C.

H. KOPPER, P. V. C.

Committee of Arrangements.

A true copy.

L. F. KLOSTERMANN, Adjutant.

Per ALEX. ROSS, Sergeant Major.

Babies and Bicycles

The Illinois Humane Society has sent forth the edict that babies must not be given rides on bicycles. The fashion of strapping them into baskets or some other sort of seat is bad in more ways than one, says the society. In the first place, the baby stands the best chance of getting hurt, if an accident occurs. But that is not the worst of it. Medical experts, it is said, claim that the motion of the wheel is injurious to the brains of children. The society makes its announcement in the hope that parents will desist from the practice, now that they have resolved a hint. If they do not, the law will be invoked to protect the lives and health of young children from the thoughtlessness or indifference of parents. —Buffalo Express.

Will There Be an A. P. A. Split?

Apparently William McKinley is going to be the innocent cause of a good deal of trouble for the American Protective Association. Lines are being drawn upon alleged affiliations, while Governor have him in the order, and his affiliations, or produced much excited controversy in its inner and outer circles. The first contest upon him in the order which the public knows anything about was among delegates to the recent Illinois Republican Convention. One element of the order appeared anxious to prevent instructions for him, but another faction was on his side, which was also the popular side. The Advisory Board put a ban upon McKinley, which was lifted by the Supreme Council in its meeting at Washington, in which the contest appears to have been harder than it was in the earlier controversy. The resolutions of the condemnation meeting of the A. P. A. men at Washington make the conflict look as if it was passing into the irrepressible stage.

This contest threatens serious consequences for the order. A. P. A. of 1853-56, the old Know-nothing or American party, wrecked itself in a controversy which had, in its broader features, an ominously close resemblance to the McKinley fight. In that day the slavery question was the burning issue, while at the present time the tariff, with which McKinley is conspicuously identified, is sufficiently important to take a prominent place in the platform of the Republican party. It is the protection issue, at any rate, which will gain McKinley the nomination. Exactly forty years ago, or in 1856, there was a bolt in the Know-nothing National Convention because that body voted down a resolution hostile to slavery extension into the Territories, most of the delegates from New England and States in other parts of the North going out. The greater part of the element to which these bolters belonged voted for Fremont instead of for their own candidate, Fillmore, that year, and the Know-nothing party soon afterward passed out of existence.

Will history repeat itself, and the American Protective Association split on the McKinley rock? It looks that way. Horace Greely said the Know-nothing party was as devoid of the elements of persistence as an anti-cholera or anti-potato rot party would be. He said this in the year 1855, when that organization was in the height of its power, and when, in several States, in election, its enemies appeared to go down before it as suddenly and as mysteriously as did the hosts of Sen-nacherib at the siege of Libnah. Yet even at that time its days were numbered. The slavery issue was broader, more intense and more constant than the anti-alien and anti-Catholic prejudices of the nativistic party of forty years ago, and, though of course to a smaller extent, the same is true of the tariff issue as compared with the creed of that party's successor. Some volcanic politics may be looked for in the A. P. A. in the next few months. —Globe-Democrat.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Calhouette, Beaversville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at Blomeyer & Haman's drug store.

Capitol Struck by Lightning.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 21.—Lightning struck the lantern on the dome of the Capitol to-night, extinguishing the three electric lights, but the only damage done was the crossing of the electric light wires. This resulted in an electrical display, which made the dome appear to be a solid mass of flame on the inside. A terrific electrical storm, with a flood of rain, was in progress at the time, and the wildest excitement prevailed. Both the city and State Fire Departments were promptly at the scene. A fireman climbed to the top of the dome, and soon ascertained that there was no fire and no danger of one.

How I Felt.

Why, two years ago I was just about crazy, and no wonder that my wife and children were afraid of me. You just want to suffer with neuralgia with no relief as I did until I used Sulphur Bitters. They cured me, and now my wife says I am as meek as a lamb. —Robert Davis, American House Boston.

TALLEST IN WASHINGTON.

Post Office Building Will Look Down on the Capitol.

One of the most delicate and interesting pieces of work on the new city Post Office building in Washington is about to commence. This is the construction of the immense clock faces, 16 feet in diameter, in the tower that springs from the center of the north front of the structure.

There will be four of these clocks, one on each side, and the building of the arches that outline the upper arcs of the circles will be an extremely nice piece of masonry, when the distance from the ground is taken into consideration.

When fully completed, this tower will be one of the highest structures in Washington, higher than the dome of the Capitol by several feet. It will be topped, of course, by the Washington monument, and, standing in comparatively low ground, it will not show off to the advantage which would belong to it if it were on a greater elevation.

There is yet to be 67 feet of masonry set on the tower itself before the base of its peaked roof is reached, and this will all be marked by unusual features, the plain surface being broken first by the clock faces and the capping arches, then by a cornice of ornamental stone, followed as the stone goes upward by an open story with three high-arched windows on each side. Above these windows comes the final story of the tower, containing five small-arched windows on each face, with peaked turrets at each corner of the structure.

The roof of the tower springs from the cornice immediately above this row of small windows, and from that point it rises at a sharp angle 45 feet to a peak 308 feet above grade, making it 20 feet and 7 inches higher than the capitol dome from its own base line.

The dome springs 287 feet 5 inches clear from the base of the east front, but as it stands on a hill that is considerably more than 20 feet higher than the level of Pennsylvania avenue at Eleventh street, the capitol dome of Freedom will overtop the metal peak that is to surmount the sloping roof of the Post Office tower.

The most dangerous part of the work will be that of roofing the tower, which will not be reached for several weeks. The angle of this roof is slightly greater than that of the main roof.

The character of the surface to be roofed is such to render the laying of the sheathing and the tiling very hard to accomplish, as there is a great deal of trimmings and joining to be done, and the roof affords little free space for the workmen. —Boston Globe.

Cure for Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of Headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Large bottles only fifty cents at Blomeyer & Haman drug store.

Floods in the Osage Valley.

SEDALIA, Mo., May 21.—Receiver Thomas F. Mitchum, of the Sedalia, Warsaw and Southwestern road, stated to-night that south-bound trains did not proceed beyond Cole Camp to-day, but it is hoped to get them through to Warsaw by to-morrow night. Mayor Hastain, of this city, returned to-day from Warsaw by a circuitous route and reports the floods in the Osage Valley to have been very destructive to property, but so far as has been learned, no lives were lost.

Missouri Republicans.

It has been a good many years since the Republicans of Missouri entered into active contests against one another for nomination to office, and the fact that they are doing so this year is an indication of confidence in the success of the party at the polls next November.

There are men contesting for nomination to-day who have been content in the past to be known as Republican workers, interested only in the perpetuation of Republican principles in Missouri and the success of the party in national elections. These men, co-operative, level-headed politicians, are accepting the present as a propitious time to claim their rewards. They feel that Missouri is going to drop into the Republican column this year, and they are not mistaken. —Sedalia Capital.

D. B. Siebert Writes a Letter.

Jackson, Mo., May 12, 1896.

PROF. W. D. VANDIVER,

Cape Girardeau, Mo.—

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 9th inst. received, and contents fully noted. No, I could not agree to discuss this question on so short a notice, nor do I know that it would be to the best interest of the Democratic party, and especially to your interest, that we should discuss it at all. Of course the people are anxious to hear it discussed, and I would gladly enter upon the discussion of it if I were satisfied that there would be no damaging effect following our discussion that might be detrimental or mitigate against our common interest, the success of the Democratic party. While we differ widely on this question, yet we are a unit on all other questions pertaining to true Democracy; and I believe that after the National Democracy at Chicago has spoken on this as well as on all issues pertaining to the well-being of our people, that we will both be found doing battle for the cause of Democracy as there enunciated. As for myself I can speak positively, "I am a Democrat." I stand always upon the foundation-stone of free and popular government as declared by its great founder in this country, "absolute acquiescence in the decision of the majority is the vital principle of republics, from which there is no appeal, but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism." I feel certain your Democracy is cast along these same lines.

I assure you that I am not "spoiling for a fight," nor have I challenged you, or any other party in particular, but simply stated to Mr. McGuire in conversation that I would discuss this question with anyone, and a candidate for Congress preferred. He stated in his paper that he considered this as throwing down the glove to you, so you came forth over your own signature inviting the sound money Democrat to come from under cover, which I have done, and I leave the matter entirely with you. If you desire to have the discussion, and will agree to a time, say about the last of June in the court house in Jackson, I will be on hand.

Respectfully,

D. B. SEIBERT.

Grain Aided by Rain.

CAIRO, ILL., May 21.—The heavy rains of the past ten days have been the salvation of the grain crops in this vicinity. Wheat suffered quite severely from the drouth and insect pests, but is now heading out nicely, and the heads give promise of being well filled. The acreage is about the same as last year, and there will be about three-quarters of a crop. Much of the corn has not been planted yet, but what was put in early looks well and only needs cultivation, which has been delayed by the excessive rains. The army worms seem to have died out in this immediate vicinity.

Impotent.

"Travel Wall street from one end to the other," says the leading New York organ of the combine of bosses, "and you will not find a single banker who is not willing to take a hand in the defeat of the Ohio candidate."

The Wall street bankers cannot defeat McKinley's nomination. This lot of money changers, traitors and British Americans can emigrate if they wish, but they will not muzzle the great American people, or dictate the candidate of the Republican party.

Apples from Australia.

Apples ripened this year and successfully transported a distance of 30,000 miles were recently received by a Providence fruit dealer. They were grown in Tasmania, Australasia, and were shipped by way of the Suez Canal to London, thence to Southampton, from which port they were brought to New York by the American liner New York, arriving about fifty days after being picked from the trees. This probably is the champion long-distance apple shipment on record in this country. The fruit is not very large, nor is it especially handsome, but it is in fine condition and the aroma certainly is delightful, while the flavor is very good. The apples are separately wrapped in paper of old style, and the crates also show their foreign manufacture. The shipment was partly as an experiment and partly to furnish a curiosity to Providence people who are interested in fruits. —Boston Herald.

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